

30. (AMENDED) The structure of claim 29, further comprising [a] means for directing [of] the first person to pledge using a trigger for inducing a power thought in the first person.

31. (AMENDED) The structure of claim 29, further comprising [a] means for conditioning [of] the first person to use a trigger to regularly induce a power thought in the first person.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-17, and 19-32 are currently pending in consideration of the amendments herein.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-34 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner additionally rejected claims 22-33 as allegedly lacking utility. In telephone interviews between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on November 21, 2000 and December 26, 2000, the Examiner has provided guidance to Applicants' representative as to how subject matter may be claimed so as to be in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §101. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the claims in conformity with the Examiner's guidance and respectfully believes that the amended claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §101.

Applicants further believe that the amended independent claims 1, 19, and 22 are in condition for allowance. Since claims 2-10 and 12-17 depend from claim 1, Applicants maintain that claims 2-10 and 12-17 are likewise in condition for allowance. Since claims 20-21 depend from claim 19, Applicants maintain that claims 20-21 are likewise in condition for allowance. Since claims 23-32 depend from claim 22, Applicants maintain that claims 23-32 are likewise in condition for allowance.

In the telephone interview between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on December 26, 2000, the Examiner suggested that the inventor provide a Declaration stating how the present invention is useful. Accordingly, Applicants have included herewith such a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132.

CONCLUSION

In summary, based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all independent claims and dependent claims meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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